

SENATE BILL 2992

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49;  
Title 50, Chapter 3 and Title 68, relative to indoor  
air quality.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-3-201, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) The commissioner shall, in coordination with the department of environment and conservation, promulgate rules establishing and enforcing standards of indoor air quality. Such rules shall not take effect until January 1, 2010. The commissioner shall consider the potential chronic effects of air contaminants on human health, the potential effects of insufficient ventilation of the indoor environment on human health, the potential costs of health care for the short-term and long-term effects on human health that may result from exposure to indoor air contaminants, and the potential costs of compliance with the rules. Such rules may include contaminant concentrations, control methods, sampling methods, ventilation rates, designs, or procedures, or other similar standards. The board's guidelines may differ for different pollution sources or different areas of the state and may differ for buildings that are regularly occupied or visited by children. The commissioner shall take under consideration the results of the Air Quality Survey 2006 conducted by the department of education pursuant to Chapter 291 of the Public Acts of 2006. For purposes of this subsection, "air contaminant" means a gaseous, liquid, or solid substance or combination of substances that is in a form transported by or in air and has the potential to be detrimental to human health and "indoor air pollution" means the presence, in an indoor environment, of one or more air contaminants in sufficient

concentration and of sufficient duration to be capable of causing adverse effects to human health.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.